Friday Afternoon Club – Kendall Swanson

Friday Afternoon Club (FAC) will meet again this fall. For those of you who are new to the department, Friday Afternoon Club is basically a journal club where we take turns picking out a paper or two for informal discussion. We cover topics across the board, depending on people’s interests. We often continue our discussions at another location and relax a bit at the end of the week. If people have ideas for topics or want to volunteer to lead the discussion for a week, they should contact Larry Reynolds or Kendall Swanson.

We particularly want to invite people who are new to the department to join FAC. It is a good opportunity to learn and have discussion on some interesting topics and to socialize with colleagues in a relaxed environment.

Date: Friday, August 21  
Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Hultz 104  
Topic: Informal Organizational Meeting

The first official meeting will be Friday, September 4, at 3:00 p.m. in Hultz 104. A paper or two for discussion will be sent out prior to that time.

President’s Welcome Event Invitation to Participate – Beth Ingram, Provost

“Dear Colleagues, (faculty and staff)

“I’m emailing to invite you to attend the upcoming President’s Welcome event for new students. The event takes place on Monday, August 24, at 1:00 p.m. on the lawn north of Putnam Hall. The new students are led through the gates of campus and proceed along the walkway, which is lined with members of the Gold Star Marching Band. The students are greeted by President Dean Bresciani and student body president Eric McDaniel. I will also deliver a brief, academically-focused message to our incoming class, inviting them into the NDSU community of scholars. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Bentson-Bunker Fieldhouse. If you are free, we’d be delighted if you could join us for this important event. You can mingle with students as they arrive on the lawn, stay during the short program (less than 15 minutes), and then accompany students to their academic college events at the conclusion of the program. No special attire required!”
Meet Our New Graduate Students

**Ibrahim Algherair**

Where are you from?
I am from Saudi Arabia.

Where did you get your undergraduate degree?
Qassim University, Saudi Arabia – B.S., 2009

What are you studying at NDSU; who is your advisor?
Reproductive physiology; Kimberly Vonnahme

What is your email address/office number/phone number?
ibrahim.algherair@ndsu.edu; Hultz 108; 231-7630

What are your interests outside of school?
I enjoy watching soccer games, reading, and social networking.

What would you like to share about your family?
I am married and have a son named Rakan.

**Amelia Tanner**

Where are you from?
Cedar Park, Texas

Where did you get your undergraduate degree?
Texas A&M University

What are you studying at NDSU; who is your advisor?
Reproductive physiology; Kimberly Vonnahme

What is your email address/office number/phone number?
amelia.tanner@ndsu.edu; Hultz 108; 231-7630

What are your interests outside of school?
I enjoy running and really nerdy science puns.
**Cho to Pursue Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Kwang Bog Cho, former student of Dr. Chung Park, is joining the department of Pharmaceutical Sciences as a research assistant. She will be working under the direction of Dr. Bin Guo. Her plan is to start a Ph.D. program in Dr. Guo’s lab in the spring of 2016. She will be involved in a project that will study epigenetic mechanisms regulating cancer growth and apoptosis. This research is closely related to her M.S. research which focused on maternal dietary lipotropes and breast cancer risk in future generations.

**Kick Off 2015**

Date/Time: Monday, August 24; immediately following the President Bresciani’s Welcome at 1:00 p.m. (see page 1)

Place: west lawn of Old Main

New students in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources are encouraged to join us for Kick Off 2015. Come meet the dean and your fellow students, sign up for door prizes, and be entertained by professor Eric Berg. You’ll also get an opportunity to visit the department that houses your academic major.

**College Ice Cream Social**

Date/Time: Wednesday August 26; 6:00 p.m.

Place: Memorial Union Ballroom

All students from the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CFSNR) are invited to join us for a back-to-school ice cream social. Come make a sundae and visit with your fellow classmates and college faculty, staff, and administration. The event is sponsored by the Ag Ambassadors and CFSNR faculty.

**Raffle tickets are now available in Hultz 102**
Getting the Equine Center ready for students and horses who will arrive on Saturday
(photos from NDSU Equine Science Facebook page)